

GOVERNOR DAWSON COMPLAINS OF RAILWAY DOMINATION.

IN THE GRASP OF A TRUST

Says West Virginia's Development is Restricted.

MATTER DISCUSSED IN SENATE

Mr. Elkins Declares That a State Law Affords Adequate Remedy—Bill to Pension Telegraphers.

There was a larger attendance in the Senate galleries today than usual, owing to the expectation that there would be some of the scenes of yesterday's scenes over Mr. Patterson's caucus resolution.

Mr. Tillman opened the proceedings of the day by referring to a petition previously presented by him from the Red Rock Fuel Company of West Virginia, complaining that the Baltimore and Ohio company had refused to permit that company to connect with the Baltimore and Ohio company and Ohio, thus, as Mr. Tillman expressed it, "bottling up the company."

He said that at the time Mr. Elkins had said there was a remedy under the state laws of West Virginia. He then presented a letter from Governor Dawson of West Virginia, complaining of the difficulty in administering the laws. The governor added:

Practical Control by a Railway.

"It may be that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company does not legally own a controlling part of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company or the Norfolk and Western Railway Company, but I have no doubt that an investigation will show that the Pennsylvania Railroad Company practically controls these three great trunk lines of the country. It is a fact that West Virginia today is in the grasp of a railroad trust, which practically says what part of the state shall be developed, how much coal shall be shipped out of the state, to what points or ports it shall be shipped, and how it shall be shipped. Of course, it makes its own rates and we are helpless. The Pennsylvania railroad is very largely interested in the production of coal, and it will naturally look after its own interest and the interest of the people along its lines in Pennsylvania. It is a fact that the interests of West Virginia are subordinated to the interests of those others and our railroads upon which we are dependent are controlled by the corporation practically in competition with us."

The governor closed by requesting an official investigation into the state of affairs, for such an investigation but for the fact that the governor had no power to do so. He said that as the letter came from the republican governor of the state it was of transcendent importance, and he did not feel that he could ignore it. He said that unless the House should move in the matter he would ask the Senate to order an inquiry.

Remedy in State Law.

Mr. Elkins said that there was a state law affording an adequate remedy by mandamus for such conditions as those represented, but that shippers hesitated to employ it. He suggested that the governor's letter be referred to the committee on interstate commerce, and it was so referred.

Mr. Gardner on Pensions.

In presenting the pension appropriation bill Mr. Gardner made an interesting array of information concerning pensions. Forty years after the civil war, he says, the pension appropriation is at its maximum. There are 1,000,000 pensions, all but \$3,424 of them from that war, with an annual roll of \$130,000,000. In the \$3,424 are represented veterans of all other wars the country ever had.

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To Pension War Telegraphers.

Mr. Scott addressed the Senate at some length in support of the bill placing telegraph operators of the civil war on a pensionable status. He paid a high tribute to these men, saying they had been subjected to many of the requirements of soldiers and granted few of their privileges. He asserted that while they had necessarily been inducted into the service with the knowledge that they were to be pensioned, they were not one of them had been known to betray the confidence. Of the corps engaged in 1861-5 only 180 survive.

At the close of Mr. Scott's speech the bill was passed.

The Senate then took up the calendar and passed a large number of private pension bills, and also the following:

Providing for the erection of a federal building at Fernandina, Fla., and appropriating \$100,000 for the purpose.

Authorizing the withdrawal of lands needed for town site purposes in connection with irrigation projects.

A bill authorizing the sale of \$100,000 of the reclamation fund for the drainage of lands in North Dakota.

Amending the Alaska road and school law in several minor particulars.

Authorizing the establishment of a fish cultural station at Fargo, N. D.

Amending the law for the regulation of the salmon fisheries of Alaska.

Authorizing the construction of a dam across Rock river at Grand Rapids, Ill.

The Senate agreed when it adjourns today to adjourn until Monday.

ARRIVAL OF TAIGNY

WAS UNCEREMONIOUSLY DEPORTED FROM VENEZUELA

M. Taigny, the French charge at Caracas, who was unceremoniously deported from Venezuela after the severance of diplomatic relations between France and Venezuela, has arrived in this city for the purpose of reporting to M. Jusserand, the French ambassador here, and conferring with him as to his future course of action. He may call on Secretary Root in the latter part of the week for the purpose of giving details regarding the situation in Venezuela.

The United States government has no direct interest in the case of M. Taigny, and his visit to this city has no official connection with the United States claims against Venezuela. It is for France and the United States to settle the matter for the alleged insults offered M. Taigny by the Venezuelan president.

The present trouble between France and Venezuela started when President Castro seized the Venezuelan stations of the French Cable Company and declared its cables closed, and it was without warning that the French charge at Caracas, and given aid to the Matos revolutionists. M. Taigny protested vigorously, and after an exchange of notes President Castro declared that he would not withdraw his cables without being demanded and finally granted. But Castro still declined to deal with Taigny, and France declared that she would not recognize the Venezuelan president until he had withdrawn his cables. The French charge at Caracas, and given aid to the Matos revolutionists. M. Taigny protested vigorously, and after an exchange of notes President Castro declared that he would not withdraw his cables without being demanded and finally granted. But Castro still declined to deal with Taigny, and France declared that she would not recognize the Venezuelan president until he had withdrawn his cables.

COST OF BATTLESHIPS.

Data Sent to Congress Regarding the Connecticut and the Louisiana.

The Secretary of the Navy sent a communication to Congress on October 1, 1905, \$5,235,619.82 had been spent on the construction of the battleship Connecticut, building at the New York navy yard, and that \$4,982,651.99 had been expended on the construction of the battleship Louisiana, building at the yard of the New York Shipbuilding and Drydock Company. These are the two vessels that have in a way been racing toward completion, one being built by the government and the other by private contract. It is expected that the data obtained from the investigation could be referred to the House of Representatives, and it will throw some light on the proposition which comes up every now and then to build many of the vessels of the United States navy at government yards.

IN GOVERNOR HANLY'S HONOR.

Luncheon Given at the Capitol—Dinner Tonight.

Controller Tracewell of the Treasury Department today gave a luncheon at the Capitol in honor of Governor Hanly of Indiana. Among the guests were Senator Chandler, Senator Hemenway, Republican State Chairman Goodrich, and several members of the Indiana delegation in the House of Representatives, and Mr. Delevan Smith of the Indianapolis News, and Colonel Ransdell, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

Senator Hemenway will give a dinner at the New Willard this evening in honor of Governor Hanly. The invited guests are Senator Beveridge, and the Indiana republican delegation in Congress, Chairman Chandler, Senator Hemenway, Republican State Chairman Goodrich, and several members of the Indiana delegation in the House of Representatives, and Mr. Delevan Smith of the Indianapolis News, and Colonel Ransdell, sergeant-at-arms of the Senate.

Controversy Over Major Gillette.

The House committee on military affairs today heard testimony from Major Gillette, granting Major Cassius E. Gillette, United States army, leave of absence to enable him to act as engineer of the Philadelphia filtration plant at the request of Mayor Weaver. J. J. De Kinder, a mechanical engineer, and Frank Leake, both of Philadelphia, testified that the plan for improving the Philadelphia water supply, and urged that nothing be done to force the resignation of Major Gillette. Representative Morrill spoke in favor of his resignation. The committee took no action.

Passes for Officials Barred.

Senator LaFollette today introduced a bill prohibiting federal officials from asking or accepting railroad or other passes, and prohibiting the use of the mails for the purpose of passing such passes. The bill provides penalties for violations of the law.

Norfolk Naval Orders.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.

NORFOLK, February 8.—Orders were received here today for the cruiser Des Moines to proceed at once to oblation for repairs at the navy yard at Norfolk, Va., where she was dispatched to blow up a dangerous derelict. Naval officer Nero sailed today for Curtis bay to load coal for the fleet at Guantanamo. It was announced at the Norfolk navy yard today that repairs on the new cruiser Charleston will be completed within thirty days. Rear Admiral Sims, the newly arriving ship, will arrive here tomorrow for general inspection of the Norfolk training station and the receiving ships Franklin and Richmond.

Patrick Sherry and W. Glover, enlisted men on the receiving ship Franklin, are under arrest and will be tried by summary court-martial for mutiny. They were aboard the cruiser Olympia to a former shipmate confined in the brig of that vessel.

Earthquake Shocks in Ecuador.

QUAYACHIL, Ecuador, February 8.—Slight earthquake shocks were felt here yesterday throughout the day and at night a heavy shock was experienced.

Ocean Steamship Movements.

NEW YORK, February 8.—Arrived: Amsterdamsk from Rotterdam; Cassel from Bremen; Baltic from Liverpool.

Officers of Wrecked Steamer Acquitted.

SPECIAL CABLEGRAM TO THE STAR.

LONDON, February 8.—The board of trade inquiry into the loss of the steamship Hilda resulted today in a verdict acquitting the Hilda's officers and finding that the ship was properly equipped. The Hilda, which was owned by the London and Western Railway Company and was on her way from Southampton to St. Malo, France, ran on the rocks near the entrance to St. Malo harbor on the evening of Sunday last. She was carrying 100 tons of only six of the 123 people on board being saved.

On Trial for Conspiracy Charge.

JOPLIN, Mo., February 8.—In the trial here of Charles L. Blanton, charged with a conspiracy to defraud the bank of Kansas, M. M. Alexander, a jeweler, of Batesville, Ark., testified last evening that there was an agreement between himself and Dr. J. H. Vernon, whereby \$2,000 was to be paid for the selection of a certain site. Alexander said he received \$200 and Vernon was to receive \$1,500 of the amount, he said. Vernon is under indictment on a charge similar to that which Blanton faces.

Railway Concessions for Americans.

SPECIAL CABLEGRAM TO THE STAR.

LONDON, February 8.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg states that an American syndicate has secured from Russia a thirty-six years' concession for railways in Central Asia, on the condition of furnishing a guarantee of \$4,000,000. The concession will be allowed to redeem the bonds on the expiration of twenty-four years.

Bill to Further Protect Sunday as Day of Rest.

Advocates and Protestants at District Building.

SOME STORES ARE ALWAYS OPEN

Ministers and Laymen Submit Views—Matter Will Be Held Open Several Days.

The opponents and advocates of the House bill "To further protect the first day of the week as a day of rest in the District of Columbia" appeared before the board of Commissioners in the District building today, and expressed their views, favorable and unfavorable, on the proposed law. The board room was crowded with interested individuals, and on account of the limited time available, Commissioner Macfarland stated that while several speakers on each side would be heard, each would be limited to five minutes in bringing out the points.

When the hearing ended Commissioner Macfarland said that several days would be necessary to read the views which are sent to Congress, to permit others who wish to do so to send their views in writing to the Commissioners. Several times it was necessary to adjourn the hearing for the benefit of the Commissioners and not for the information of the public, and to enable them to make a comprehensive review of a mass of labor on all sections and phases of the measure.

"This bill expresses the mind of the Episcopal church," said Rev. Dr. McKim, "and while I have no right to speak for other denominations, I am sure it expresses their sentiments as well. It aims at two things, the protection of the laborer, so that he may have time to rest, and it is further contemplated that the day be protected against merchandising. For the Lord's day to be turned into a day of labor is a thing which is entirely repugnant to the mind of the church."

"I oppose one clause of it," Mr. Hoffman said, "and I represent the Master Butchers' Union. I oppose the clause which relates to the sale of meat and fish on the Lord's day if he uniformly keeps another day of the week as a day of rest."

General William H. H. Russell, who appeared along the Protestant side, and who objected to the second clause of the preamble, and he declared that there was no evidence to show that the Lord's day was injured under the operation of existing laws.

Religious Liberty Bureau.

Representing the Religious Liberty Bureau of the Seventh Day Adventist general conference, H. H. Russell said:

"I have been a member of the class who have observed the seventh day of the week for twenty-five years, and I have never been in a city where Seventh Day Adventists have been persecuted. Most of the Sabbath I regard it as degrading to the Sabbath to bring it into politics. It is a backward step."

"I oppose the Methodist Preachers' League," Rev. J. C. Nicholson said, "and in doing so I think it can be safely said that I represent fully 25,000 residents of the District of Columbia. The Sabbath should be observed. Just as we have an eight-hour law to specify the hours of labor, so this might be called a six-day law."

"I am opposed to this bill on general grounds, because it trenches on religious liberty, and it is a retrograde step. Most of the states have some form of Sunday law, but the United States legislature has heretofore stood clear of such action. Russia has enacted a law which declares for religious liberty, and it would be a virtual tearing down of freedom of personal views, and the support of the Lutheran church toward the measure. He consumed only two minutes of the time, and he was the only one who spoke in support of the measure. The bill was then taken up by the advocates' side in the discussion.

Religious Editor's Views.

"You cannot make anything out of this law," declared Rev. A. H. Lewis of Plainfield, N. J., editor of the Religious Observer. He deprecated the attempt to bring this matter into the arena of politics. "It was settled by Congress between 1870 and 1880," he continued, "in connection with the establishment of the post office of the country." In closing he suggested, if any bill at all is deemed necessary, that one be introduced in Congress which would prohibit the use of the mails for the purpose of passing such passes, so as to allow rest but not compel idleness. "Labor is able to take care of itself," Rabbi Simon declared, "and the service to the community of the country which he said are more and more becoming a dominating factor and not at all in need of the official interference of the state, more than nine months being consumed in the taking of testimony. The transcript embraces about 7,000,000 words."

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LOOKS BAD FOR HOCH

REFUSED A REHEARING BY THE ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., February 8.—The supreme court today denied a rehearing in the case of Johann Hoch, sentenced to be hanged in Chicago, February 23, for wife murder.

Thrilling Experience of a Crew on Burned Ship.

SEATTLE, Wash., February 8.—Eleven survivors of the wrecked ship Challenger, burned and scuttled on the coast of Japan, arrived here on the Shinano yesterday. The men were sent to this country by the American consul at Yokohama. They said Capt. Henderson, master of the Challenger, had been sent to San Francisco on one of the oriental liners.

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ART GALLERY FOR KANSAS CITY

Proposed Gift by Col. Swope—Corcoran Gallery the Model.

KANSAS CITY, February 8.—Col. Thomas H. Swope, who a few years ago gave to Kansas City the Corcoran gallery, now known as Swope Park, will early in the year give to the city a magnificent gallery of art, to be known as the Swope Gallery of Art, and which will cost \$450,000. Col. Swope will also give an annuity of \$20,000 to the city for the purpose of maintaining the gallery. The structure is to be modeled after the Corcoran Gallery of Art at Washington.

EXCITEMENT ON 31ST STREET.

Mrs. Ida McIntosh Received Painful Burns.

Mrs. Ida McIntosh, forty-five years of age, of 1031 31st street, last evening fell asleep on a sofa near a stove, and her dress ignited. She was severely burned about her face, head and hands, but was awakened in time to prevent what it is thought might have been a fatality. Without stopping to extinguish the blaze Mrs. McIntosh ran across the street to the home of Mrs. Agnes Redden, 1039 31st street, and started the latter by her appearance. The blazing clothing set fire to the furniture in Mrs. Redden's house, and thereby added to the excitement. Not stopping to save her effects, Mrs. Redden endeavored to tear the burning garments from her neighbor and then finished the task by wrapping her in a blanket. Persons from the house rushed to the aid of Mrs. McIntosh, and followed Mrs. McIntosh into the house of Mrs. Redden.

Calls were sent to the police and fire departments for assistance, and the fire was quickly extinguished. Mrs. McIntosh was hurried to Georgetown University hospital, where she was treated for her burns. Her condition is reported as serious, she soon recovered from the shock, and the physicians said she was on the way to recovery. The fire was caused by the negligence of the woman, who was sleeping on a sofa near a stove. The fire was quickly extinguished, but the damage was done. Mrs. McIntosh was hurried to Georgetown University hospital, where she was treated for her burns. Her condition is reported as serious, she soon recovered from the shock, and the physicians said she was on the way to recovery.

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OFFICE CREATED

Dr. Manning Medical Director at Government Printery.

Superintendent Farrell of Document Room Suspended From Office.

INTEREST IN COMING CHANGES

Dismissals Only in Divisions Where There is a Surplusage of Workers.

Two important orders were issued by Public Printer Charles A. Stillings today along the lines of the proposed reorganization of the government printing office, as exclusively given in The Star yesterday. The first order relieves Dr. William J. Manning from duty as a compositor in the third division, and appoints him medical director of the government printing office, an inside emergency hospital. The second order suspends from duty L. C. Farrell, superintendent of public documents, against whom charges have been preferred, and names William L. Post as his temporary successor.

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HEALTH STATISTICS.

Improvement in Contagious Diseases.

With Exception of Scarlet Fever.

The following report was issued by the health officer for the week ended last Saturday:

A slight improvement is noticed in the mortality of the current week when compared with that of the previous week, the total number of deaths reaching 16, which is less than last week by 10 deaths. The principal causes of death this week are: Consumption, 15; pneumonia, 15; heart disease, 12; kidney disease, 9; apoplexy, 4; malignant growths, 4; measles, 3; and grippe, 2.

A classification of the mortality as to age shows that the mortality among the young is under one year, nine (9) deaths; from one year to five years, five (5) deaths; from five years to fifteen years, five (5) deaths; from fifteen years to twenty years, five (5) deaths; from twenty years to thirty years, five (5) deaths; from thirty years to forty years, five (5) deaths; from forty years to fifty years, five (5) deaths; from fifty years to sixty years, five (5) deaths; from sixty years to seventy years, five (5) deaths; from seventy years to eighty years, five (5) deaths; from eighty years to ninety years, five (5) deaths; from ninety years to one hundred years, five (5) deaths.

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